

First United Methodist Church of Morristown

Discernment Prayer Guide

Our Pastoral Staff and Discernment Team are calling us, the people of FUMC, into a time of discernment of affiliation over the next 90 days. This process is not merely seeking human knowledge but pressing into God's Word, leaning into His Holy Spirit, and seeking the Lord's insight and direction (Matthew 7:24-27. Scripture tells us to seek His Word for truth and answers, and to ask God for heavenly wisdom (James 1:5).

Discernment is a spiritual endeavor that begins with prayer. To guide our personal times of prayer, the Discernment Team is offering this 90-day scripture-based prayer guide to help you press into God's Word and lean into the Holy Spirit. Each day provides a scripture and a highlighted point as a focus for your prayer time.

Join with us in Corporate Prayer for Discernment

- As you feel led during this time, pray for peace and kindness in our thoughts and conversations.
- Follow the prayer guide in your personal time of prayer.
- Use the prayer focuses in your small group, Sunday school class or Bible Study.
- You are encouraged to enter into a time of fasting at different times.

Suggested Pattern for Prayer and Intercession

- Invite the Lord into your time of prayer.
- Begin by praising God for who He is.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Word.
- Slowly read the scripture for the day.
- Pray through what the Holy Spirit has revealed or pray using the suggested focus.
- Record and consider any insights you received.

FUMC 90 Days of Prayer - 1

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| 38 <u>Psalms 143:8</u> Pray that the Holy Spirit moves our hearts to fully trust God so that our ears and hearts may be open to receive His word on the way we are to walk. | 39 <u>John 14:15-31</u> Pray against our anxieties, fears and prejudices, and for a release of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit | 40 <u>Colossians 2:3</u> Since Christ Himself is our wisdom, pray for a deepening of union with Christ, so that as our love and devotion for Him increases, our wisdom will increase. | 41 <u>2 Thess 2:13-16</u> Pray that the people of our church have the strength and wisdom to hold fast to the traditions taught by scripture. | 42 <u>Nehemiah 1</u> Allow the Holy Spirit to break your heart for the things within our church that break His. Ask for a spirit of repentance to fall on us and ask for the Lord's mercy. | 43 <u>Ephesians 4:1</u> Ask the Father to plant the desire within our hearts to walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received in Christ Jesus. | 44 <u>Psalms 85:6-7</u> Holy Father, will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord and grant us Your salvation. |
| 45 <u>Ephesians 4:13-15</u> Pray for the transformation of the people of our church that will experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God and walk in spiritual maturity. | 46 <u>John 4:23-24</u> Ask for the Lord's sanctifying presence within our services that we all will be the kind of worshipers the Father is seeking. | 47 <u>Romans 6:17-19</u> Pray that the Lord will continue His sanctifying work within our church and that we will all live as ones set free from sin and slaves of righteousness. | 48 <u>Mark 12:30-31</u> Ask God to call us to a deeper revelation of loving Him and loving others. | 49 <u>Isaiah 40:8</u> Ask God to call us to a deeper hunger for His Word so that we will put aside all the distractions of this world. | 50 <u>John: 14:15-21</u> Ask the Holy Spirit for penetrating revelation of loving Christ and obedience and a hunger for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. | 51 <u>Matthew 28:16-20</u> Pray for God to refresh our spirits with the desire to live lives that fulfill His calling on each one of us. |
| 52 <u>Philippians 4:4-9</u> Ask God to bring to our minds remembrance of how He has worked in our lives. So that our thoughts may be redeemed in our Father's love. | 53 <u>Psalms 139</u> Ask for Holy Spirit conviction to desire that God search us and know all of us and reveal any hurtful ways within us | 54 <u>Joel 2:12-17</u> Pray that we hear the call to weep over our condition, to rend our hearts, and to seek the Lord with our whole heart. | 55 <u>Psalms 5</u> Pray that we will have a desire to take refuge in the Lord, to walk in righteousness, and seek His protection. | 56 <u>1 Corinthians 6:19</u> I am not my own; You have bought me with a price, with the price of Your own blood. And You therefore died for all that we should not henceforth live to ourselves, but to Him who died for us. Arm me with this mind; circumscribe my heart and make me a new creature. Let me no longer live to the desires of men, but to the will of God. - John Wesley's Forms of Prayer | 57 I am not my own; You have bought me with a price, with the price of Your own blood. And You therefore died for all that we should not henceforth live to ourselves, but to Him who died for us. Arm me with this mind; circumscribe my heart and make me a new creature. Let me no longer live to the desires of men, but to the will of God. - John Wesley's Forms of Prayer | 58 <u>Psalms 150</u> Say Psalm 150 as a declaration over the people of our church, that we will praise the Lord, we will Praise God in His sanctuary. |
| 59 <u>Acts 6:3</u> Pray that God will raise up women and men "full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom" to lead us in the coming days. | 60 <u>1 Kings 3:9</u> Pray for an increase of wisdom so that we might discern the long-term implications and consequences of | | | | | |

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